

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**STATEMENT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER WATER NOW MEETS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health today lifted its precautionary health advisory issued on March 19 for Madison and Hamilton counties after the City of Valdosta reported a reported a spill, made up of a combination of storm water and untreated sewage that overflowed into the One-Mile Branch, Two-Mile Branch, Sugar Creek and Cherry Creek which flow into the Withlacoochee River.

Recent river water samples taken by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection indicate the river water meets surface water quality standards for bacteria thus ensuring the public they may resume water-related activities.

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